THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The increased urbanisation of Delhi has put some minor irrigation schemes into disuse and as such for future minor irrigation development, the Delhi Administration is identifying areas which are not likely to get urbanised for a decade or more.

Land dispute between Delhi University and D.D.A.

2358. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dispute between the Delhi University and Delhi Development Authority relating to handing over of the University Polo ground and land in Reids line and Hudson line to D.D.A. to rehabilitate the refugees from Pakistan in exchange of land at Coronation Road to the University has not been settled for several years; and

(b) whether the decision of the executive council of the University in the year 1985 is acceptable to the DDA or any alternative proposal has been given by the DDA to settle the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Use of Pheromones for pests

2359. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that new pesticides are being developed which are a mixture of pheromones and insecticides;

(b) whether control of pink ballworm, a pest of cotton crop, has been achieved using pheromone gossyplure and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether phenomones are now being commercially used in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Attempts are being made in some countries, on experimental basis, to use a mixture of insecticides and pheromones for suppression of crop pests.

(b) No, Sir. It is still in experimental stage. The operational field trials at Bhatinda and Coimbatore have, however, indicated a good potential of this chemical in the control of cotton pink bool worm.

(c) There are reports that for the purpose of pest monitoring and mass-trapping of certain major pests of cotton, tobacco, pulses and codling moth on apple, the pheromones have been used in field trials.

Committee on Pesticides Residues in Food

2360. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee on Pesticides and its residues in food was set up in 1984 and if so, the details of work completed so far and action taken on its recommendation to safeguard consumers interests;

(b) by when the Committee is likely to complete its work; and

(c) whether the Department of Science and Technology had also set up some time back a working group on the same subject and if so, the details thereof and whether the report has been finalised and if so, the follow up action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a pesticide Residues Sub-Committee had been constituted long work back by the Central Committee for Food Standards

to advise on pesticides residues in food under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955. The Commitee has fixed pesticides residues tolerance limits against 31 pesticides in different food Commodities which have been notified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Any food commodity carrying residues in excess to the prescribed tolerance limits, can be confiscated and its owner can be punished as per rules.

(c) The Programme Advisory Group for the Department of Science & Technology Plan scheme "Consumer Protection through Science & Technology", in November, 1986, had constituted a Working Sub-Group on Pesticide Residues in Food. The Group's terms of Reference are to prepare a Status Report on Pesticide Residues in Food and to suggest action points. The Group is composed of its Specialists including those from the consumer interest groups. The sub-group has prepared the draft report. The Programme Advisory Group has yet to examine the report for making suitable recommendations to the Government. Follow up action can be taken only after final decision on the report.

Recognition to International Organisation of Consumer Unions

2361. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Organisation of Consumer Unions, Hague and Penang are recognised by Government and if not, whether necessary recognition is likely to be accorded as it has done pioneering work all over the world;

(b) whether Government are aware that International Organisation of Consumer Unions has guidelines for recognition of national consumer organisation and if so, whether these would be applied for recognition of consumer Unions in the country; and

(c) whether only those consumer organisation in India who are fully affiliated/recognised by International Organisation of Consumer Unions will be represented on various boards etc. to be set up under Consumer Protection Act, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to recognise any consumer organisation under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Voluntary Consumer Organisation

2362. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 230 registered voluntary consumer organisations in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these are non-functional;

(c) whether Government are aware that due to rigid rules for registration of societies and delays and labour involved many good parties feel discouraged to organise voluntary consumer organisations; and

(d) whether Government propose to simplify the existing procedures and rules and also recognise such organisations for 5 years after due verification on *ad hoc* basis in order to enable them to organise themselves effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Government has compiled a list of over 240 voluntary consumer organisations which are spread over in various States and UTs. A number of these organisations are engaged in furtherance of the cause of the consumers. Under the Consumer Protection Act, any consumer or any voluntary consumer association registered under